

December 19, 2001

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W. Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Oral Ex Parte Communications
Gulf of Mexico Cellular Proceeding
WT Docket No. 97-112; CC Docket No. 90-6

Dear Ms. Salas:

ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL") hereby provides notice of an ex parte presentation made on December 17, 2001 by Glenn S. Rabin to Monica Desai, Esq. of Commissioner Martin's office with respect to the Gulf of Mexico Cellular Proceeding.

ALLTEL reiterated its positions noted in its October 10, 2001 written ex parte in this matter (a copy of which was provided to Ms. Desai). Specifically, ALLTEL contended that neither the court remand, nor the Commission vacated the GMSA SAB propagation formula now contained in Section 22.911(a)(2) of the rules. Consequently, the recent claims that GMSA licensees are entitled to a 39 dBu contour signal strength at the GMSA border are unsupported under current rules and belied by the record in this proceeding. ALLTEL noted that while it is resigned to the status quo in the Gulf of Mexico West of the Florida border, relief remains necessary along the Gulf Coast of Florida in order to improve land-based service. Consequently, ALLTEL requested that the Commission issue its decision in this matter as expeditiously as possible.

This letter is being filed electronically in both of the above-referenced dockets. Please address any questions respecting this filing to the undersigned at the above-address.

Very truly yours,

Glenn S. Rabin
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Cc: Monica Desai, Esq. (via E-mail)